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SUBJECT: US AND UK USE OF MASIRAH: RAF DEPARTURE
84 DAYS AWAY

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DURING CONVERSATION BETWEEN LUCAS, FCO HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST
DEPARTMENT, AND EMBOFF ON JANUARY 7, LATTER SAID HE HAD
HEARD RAF MIGHT WELL LIKE TO CONTINUE TO USE MASIRAH FOR
STAGING FLIGHTS TO EAST ASIA AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF RAF
BASE, SINCE BRITISH MUST STILL SUPPORT FORCES IN HONG
KONG AND OTHER STAGING BASE AT GAN HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.
LUCAS REPLIED THAT DURING PLANNING FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
MASIRAH, BRITISH ASSUMED THEY MIGHT WISH TO CONTINUE TO
USE THE AIRFIELD FOR TRANSIT FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, THIS
WOULD NOT AFFECT BRITISH PLANS TO PHASE OUT ALL RAF
PERSONNEL ON SCHEDULE, LEAVING ONLY THE SECONDED PERSONNE
OF WHICH THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US.

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